CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2009

INVOCATION:
Pastor Paul Berry from Calvary Chapel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino. Councilmember Zacarías was present via teleconference from the San Antonio Downtown Market Square Radisson, 502 W. Durango, San Antonio, TX.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Community Development Appel, Acting Fire Chief Jones, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Acting Director of Administrative Services Harvey, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Facilities Specialist II Fuentes, Recreation and Parks Commissioner Brunello, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

Recognition of the 2009 "LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS" decorating contest winners.
Director of Recreation and Parks presented awards to the following winners.

Best Residence		
Jerry & Sylvia Meisenzahl	209 Sycamore Street	Northwest Quadrant
The Thacker Family	1749 N. Vine Street	Northeast Quadrant
Romeo & Linda Aquinaldo	2436 Rolling Green Dr.	Southwest Quadrant
John & Kimberly Sabedra	2859 Stardust Drive	Southeast Quadrant
Most		
Marilyn Pike	519 W. Taylor, Sp 249	Northwest Quadrant
John Hindle	1030 Cortez Dr.	Northeast Quadrant
Vern & Kerrie Guerrero	2423 Wailea Court	Southwest Quadrant
Larry & Patty Stewart	330 S. Scott Dr.	Southeast Quadrant
Best Business		
Moreno Mortuary	214 N. Lincoln Street	
Most Inspirational		
Marian Medical Center	1400 E. Church Street	
Most Nostalgic		
Bob & Stephanie Malena	1324 Valley Oak Place	
Neighborhood Spirit		
Lasalle Drive & De Gamma Drive Neighborhoods		

Director Posada also recognized the two Lifetime Achievement Award winners: Larry & Michelle Iliff at 917 N. Beth Court and Michael B. Clayton & Associates at 400 E. Orange Street.

Director Posada thanked the judges and sponsors and congratulated all those who received Awards of Excellence.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Patino presented a gift to Pete De La Torre as the Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for December 2009 for his dedication of time and effort as the head team coach for the Recreation and Parks Department's Youth Tee Ball Program. Mrs. De La Torre accepted on his behalf.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JENNIFER NEWELL
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2009-181 honoring and commending Jennifer Newell, Children's Librarian I for the Santa Maria Public Library, for 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and the community and congratulating her on her retirement.

Resolution No. 2009-181 was adopted on motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-181 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JENNIFER NEWELL FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT.

Jennifer Newell stated she hoped everyone had a job they loved as much as she has loved hers for the last 26 years. She said it has been wonderful and the time has gone very quickly. She thanked the Council.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LOUIE RAYGOZA
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2009-182 honoring and commending Louie Raygoza, Senior Crew Leader-Maintenance Specialist for the Recreation and Parks Department, for 37½ years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and the community and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2009-181 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-181 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING LOUIE RAYGOZA FOR HIS 37½ YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT.

Louie Raygoza thanked his friends, family and co-workers who were present to support him. He said it was hard for him to leave his co-workers because they had grown up together and gone through so much. He said he was grateful for all the friends he has made and to work for the City. He thanked the Council and the citizens of Santa Maria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mayor Lavagnino stated the time for talk was over, the community wanted action, and they wanted it now. He suggested the Police Chief change the primary focus of his department to suppression of gang activity in Santa Maria.

Chief of Police Macagni stated the City has received numerous requests and demands to immediately obtain a Gang Injunction. The Police Department has thoroughly researched the injunction application and has conferred with the District Attorney's office on the issue. They agree that a gang injunction in the City of Santa Maria would not necessarily address the gang issues. The Police Department has been working with several other law enforcement agencies to go after and aggressively pursue gang members in the community. The gang-related homicide last weekend was a very unfortunate incident, but no gang injunction in the state would have prevented such an incident from occurring. It occurred at a party in a residential area and went unreported until the victim arrived at the hospital.

He explained that a gang injunction was basically a restraining order issued by a Superior Court Judge prohibiting certain gang-related activities such as wearing gang colors, fighting in public, carrying weapons, selling drugs, congregating, and painting graffiti. The injunction would be issued if the applying agency could show good cause for the issuance based on historical data, usually a minimum of five years of data, indicating that the gang exists and their activities were occurring in a specific area. If an injunction was issued, every identified gang member registered in Cal Gangs who resides in Santa Maria would have to be personally served with a notice, much like a subpoena. If they violated the court order, they could be arrested for a misdemeanor. However, Santa Barbara County Jail would not accept non-violent misdemeanor arrests due to their overcrowding issues. Santa Maria does not have specific areas where gang members congregate and control. The gangs are throughout the City and neighboring communities. If they fight, steal, paint graffiti, possess weapons, or sell drugs, the Police Department already arrests them based on existing laws and does not need an injunction to accomplish that. For those who are in this country illegally and involved in gang activity, the Department works with the Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement (I.C.E.) Agents to formally deport them.

To obtain a gang injunction some specific requirements must be met. It takes almost a year of research of crime reports and preparing the affidavit. The affidavits usually require approximately a thousand pages of supporting data and information. At least three full-time people are required to be assigned solely to doing the research. Once the affidavit is submitted, it requires a trial in Superior Court at which time the ACLU would probably fight the injunction as they have aggressively done throughout the state. A very important issue involving injunctions is that the County jail must be willing to book and hold violators which, because of the current overcrowding issues, is not feasible for misdemeanor violations.

At the last City Council Meeting, some information was presented from the public on the Gang Injunction in the City of Fairfield. Santa Maria Police Department staff made personal contact with the Fairfield Police Department the following day and obtained a copy of their injunction and discussed their injunction with them. It was reported that 300 Surenos gang members were deported by I.C.E. since the gang injunction was enacted. Their Gang Injunction was only placed into effect July 24, 2009, and the deportation of the 300 Surenos members had nothing to do with the Injunction; and, in fact, was completed prior to the Injunction going live and only because of the close working relationship between the Fairfield Police Department and I.C.E. It was also reported that the Fairfield Gang Injunction reduced crime by 95%. Again their Injunction only went live July 24, 2009. The Fairfield Police department has only served 40 of the 250 gang members with the notice, and there has not been enough time to properly evaluate the effectiveness of their Injunction. They did indicate that the remaining un-served gang members are hiding and trying not to be properly served with the notice; so, in that respect, gang activity was down, at least temporarily.

Chief Macagni recommended holding a town hall meeting in the near future to present the facts associated with the pros and cons of a gang injunction and to thoroughly explain the information to the interested public. The Police Department could bring in experts from the District Attorney's Office, Probation, Sheriff's Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Department Gang Unit to address the issues and answer questions. He said his officers and staff were telling him that an injunction would not work and would only waste valuable time and tie up valuable resources. The Police

Department would continue to monitor the injunction issue; and, if at any time, felt an injunction would actually work, they would start the application process. In the meantime, the Department would continue to aggressively go after the gangs and their illegal activities, and pursue any grant opportunities that become available in an attempt to address gang-related issues. The Department was moving its limited resources around to attack the gang problem even more aggressively than it has in the past bringing the Gang Unit to a total of 8 officers.

Councilmember Patino stated Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley has worked with the Police Department on different issues, especially drug issues. Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley does a conflict resolution program in the schools and a Parent Project. It is going to take more than the Police Department. It is going to take the whole community. A lot more than the Police Department needs to be at the table to decide how to solve the problem. The City only has so many police officers. The community needs to be proactive instead of reactive.

Chief Macagni stated he agreed it was not just a Police problem, it was also a parenting problem. The Police Department would continue to be involved in all of those programs and outreach efforts. The men and women of the Police Department were not afraid to attack this gang problem. The Department was going to refocus and reassign people.

Councilmember Orach stated it was a tragedy this weekend. This activity went on at a party, but the Police Department did not find out about it until the victims were at the hospital. Someone needed to call the Police Department. People needed to step up to take some responsibility, and parents need to know where their kids were and what they were doing.

Councilmember Cordero stated having eight gang officers as well as the homicide detectives was a tremendous step up toward the resolution of this homicide.

Councilmember Zacarías stated the young man, Eric Alonzo, who was killed this weekend was 18 years old, born and raised in Santa Maria and attending a party with friends and family. The problems that have led to gang involvement and gang perpetuation have taken years to develop. Until the community could see it as more than an enforcement issue, there was not going to be the kind of change everyone wanted to see. She thanked the Police Department for the investment of time, but also the leadership that the City will take by bringing the community together. Until the community works at the issues together, some young people will decide that their only safe place is to be a member of a gang. Some young people will choose a life of crime.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Caldwell, COLAB, stated he had done several radio shows related to gangs and has covered a lot of the issues. He would support the idea of a town hall meeting and would be willing to moderate the meeting. A gang injunction would do nothing for gang members from Tanglewood, Guadalupe, Nipomo, Orcutt or Lompoc. Before the Police Chief assigns eight officers to the gang unit, he would like to know what was not going to get done because those officers were now part of the gang unit. If there was a town hall meeting, Lois Capps or a representative from her office, State Senator Maldonado, Assemblyman Blakeslee, Sheriff Brown, the Chief, and maybe one of the Judges who ruled on the Lompoc Gang Injunction should be present. Community groups and neighborhood groups needed to get involved.

Paul Berry stated as a residential and commercial property owner he felt taxpayers dollars were being well spent by experts within the Police Department. He appreciated what the Chief said. He believed that the gang members were a minority in Santa Maria and were mostly gang members from other cities coming here. It was a lack of parental direction. It was not a ghetto issue. Santa Maria did not really have a ghetto.

Roberto Flores stated the City was in a state of emergency. The community needed to come together. The Police Department needed the resources to hire more officers and pay for the overtime needed to protect the community. The community needed to stand up and say "no more violence." It was sad that instead of celebrating Christmas, a

mother would be burying her son. Children were not being held accountable. He asked the City Council to help provide mentoring services and educational after school programs.

Mickey Freeman stated she wanted to again request an injunction against gangs. The Police Department was doing a great job at the DUI checkpoints, but it was time to get a gang injunction to stop the violence. She thought the town hall meeting would be an excellent idea.

Tom Davidson stated he wanted to address what the Chief said. He said it concerned him when the Chief said there was no geographical area because he knew there was a lot of gang members in the Newlove and Sheila area. There was a problem, and it was going to get worse. It was said that the neighbors should call the police, but they are petrified of retribution and retaliation.

Carmen Spoerer stated she was frustrated and disappointed at the inaction of the City leaders. She has watched the City become crime ridden, gang infested, and overrun with illegal aliens. There were daily reports of assaults, stabbings, and hit and run accidents. The quality of life in Santa Maria has deteriorated. It was the responsibility of our City leaders to work together to resolve these issues.

Ernest Armenta stated the Santa Maria Police Department wanted to put a ballot measure on the ballot to get the pay they want and bypass the City Council. If the people voted for it, the City Manager would have to bridge the budget gap somehow. That money would have to come from the Fire Department, the Planning Department and other City departments. City employees should get out of politics and not endorse candidates.

Gwen Wood thanked the Police Chief for trying to tackle the gang problem in Santa Maria. The time for talk has ended. There have already been gang forums and little has been accomplished. While the Chief has said that a gang injunction would not work in Santa Maria, he has not said what would work. The public was no longer willing to coexist with the deviant subculture that City leaders have allowed to infest the City.

Joe DeGeus stated he does a radio show on Saturday mornings and he also did auto glass replacement. He has driven around the City and seen all the areas that have problems. There were problems in the Newlove area, but he saw gangs all over the City. If the residents let these gang members walk around and intimidate them, they might as well leave. Putting on band-aids would not solve the problem. Residents needed to back the Police Chief, to work with the children and teach them to stay away from gangs. Until the residents took charge of their own lives, nothing was going to happen.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items A through J were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 1, 2009, were approved as submitted.

C. RELEASE OF BOND
The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Foxenwoods Townhomes, Tract 5763, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the reduced amount of $5,337.50 for the installation of 85 street and easement trees, including their maintenance for one year.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 155195 to 155494 totaling $2,547,492.35 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 144509, 145377, 146000, 146798, 149625, 150268, 154650, and 155310 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM GRANT
Resolution No. 2009-183 was adopted declaring the Council's intention to participate in the Central Coast Energy Independence Program, which will allow City property owners to be included in the County Assessment District that provides financing for private energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on a voluntary basis.

Resolution No. 2009-183 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTRAL COAST ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM.

G. BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION GRANT
Resolution No. 2009-184 was adopted approving the application for grant funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for projects identified in the City's Bikeway Master Plan.

Resolution No. 2009-184 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE BIKEWAY MASTER PLAN.

H. ACCEPTING OFFERS OF DEDICATION
Resolution No. 2009-185 was adopted accepting the dedication of all easements and streets west of Miller Street shown as Inger Drive, Daniel Drive, and McClelland Street on the final map of Crowe Properties, Tract 5279, approved by the City Council on January 5, 1981, and recorded on January 9, 1981.

Resolution No. 2009-185 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING AN OFFER OF DEDICATION MADE ON THE MAP ENTITLED "CROWE PROPERTIES, TRACT 5279."

I. OUTSIDE UTILITY USERS AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2009-186 was adopted approving an Outside Utility Users Agreement for OSR Enterprises for a 27-acre cooling and processing facility to be located at the northeast corner of Betteravia Road and Rosemary Road.

Resolution No. 2009-186 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY CONNECTION AND SERVICE OUTSIDE OF CITY BOUNDARIES FOR OSR ENTERPRISES, INC.

J. NIPOMO WATERLINE INTERTIE PROJECT
At staff's request, the City Council further continued approval of an Environmental Impact Report and mitigation measures for the Nipomo Community Services District

(NCSD) Waterline Intertie Project, and approval of an agreement with NCSD for the sale and delivery of supplemental water to the meeting of January 5, 2010. This item was continued from the last meeting in order to respond to a letter received from San Luis Obispo COASTKEEPER.

MAYOR LAVAGNINO ADJOURNED THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. AND CHAIRPERSON LAVAGNINO CONVENED A MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Board Members Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías and Chairperson Lavagnino.

FIVE-YEAR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE.
Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. The Redevelopment Agency is requested to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Five-Year Project Implementation Plan Update for 2010-2014 and evaluate the progress pertaining to the Central Plaza Neighborhood Development Project, Central City Project adopted in 1972. Every redevelopment agency with a redevelopment plan adopted before December 31, 1993, must conduct a public hearing, at least once during the five-year term of the implementation plan, for the purpose of reviewing the redevelopment plan and the corresponding implementation plan and evaluating the progress of the redevelopment project. There are four tiers of long-term debt obligations that the Redevelopment Agency is responsible for paying off. The first priority is to pay the bonded debt of $39 million. The main source of revenue for the Redevelopment Agency is property tax increment revenue. That revenue has been averaging about $1.2 million annually over the last few years which is insufficient to make the annual bond payments of approximately $2 million. The shortfall is being made up with contributions from the City's General Fund. The law requires that certain housing provisions be incorporated into the Plan even though the Agency has been granted a deferral from the mandatory 20 percent set-aside of funds for low- and moderate-income housing because of the Redevelopment Agency's debt obligations. Actual funding will not be available for deposit into the housing fund until after 2026. However, revenue anticipated to be received through the Federal CDBG, HOME, and Neighborhood Stabilization Programs will be used to increase the supply of affordable housing. Only minor revisions or corrections have been made to the Five-Year Implementation Plan for 2010-2014.

Councilmember Zacarías asked how much of the revenue being used to service the debt was coming from the City's General Fund.

City Manager Ness stated the debt for the Redevelopment Agency was running about $2.7 million per year. The tax increment was about $1.2 million per year. The General Fund was contributing about $1.5 million a year.

Councilmember Zacarías stated she understood that the original intention when this project was approved was that the tax increment would be able to cover the debt service. However, because of the decrease in property tax revenues due to Proposition 13, the General Fund is having to service the debt.

Councilmember Orach stated it was also the State's take away of Redevelopment Funds that was creating a problem.

Councilmember Cordero stated he had a conversation with the City Manager regarding this issue. He learned that this debt was not a choice for this Council or Councils in the future. The low-income housing funds were developing into a significant amount of money that the City would be able to use in the future.

Chairperson Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Deborah Brasket, SBCAN, stated only 24 affordable units were created in Santa Maria in the past 3 years and only 259 in the last 10 years. During the same time period, the

City of Santa Barbara created 97 affordable units and 552 affordable units, even though Santa Maria had far more low-income residents than Santa Barbara. Lompoc, whose population was half Santa Maria's, produced 327 affordable units in the last 10 years. Santa Barbara and Lompoc not only have inclusionary housing policies to assure that a certain percentage of every new residential development includes affordable housing, they also contribute 20 percent of their redevelopment fees toward affordable housing as required by law. Santa Maria was the only city in the whole tri-counties that did not contribute funding for affordable housing through its redevelopment fees. The fact that Santa Maria has deprived its residents of more than $4.5 million of much-needed funding accumulated for the past 21 years was a shameful waste of resources. It appeared that the City had been balancing its budget on the backs of its low-income families, depriving them of much-needed funding for affordable housing in order to pay its own debt. She recommended the Council not approve the resolution to continue the practice and find another way to pay down its debt.

Ernest Armenta stated everyone would like to have affordable housing; however, these were hard times. Residents depended on the City Manager to keep the City afloat. Part of the City's property tax was being taken by the State for education. If it wasn't for Proposition 13, the Redevelopment Agency would be much better off; but the property owners would be paying more in property taxes.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Chairperson Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2009-01 approving a Five-Year Implementation Plan for 2010-2014 was adopted on motion by Board Member Patino, seconded by Board Member Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarias, and Chairperson Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CHAIRPERSON LAVAGNINO ADJOURNED THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING AND MAYOR LAVAGNINO RECONVENED THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:45 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS AGAIN PRESENT.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.
City Manager Ness gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to entertain nominations from the Mayor for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked Councilmember Zacarias for serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the last year and stepping in when he was not available. Mayor Lavagnino nominated Councilmember Cordero to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2010. Councilmember Orach seconded the motion.

Ernest Armenta stated he was going to recommend Councilmember Cordero because he felt Councilmember Cordero would bring more calmness to the meeting and treat people a little differently.

The nomination was ratified on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarias, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilmember Cordero stated he was honored by the nomination and looked forward to serving.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Ness reported there was only one item he wanted to bring to Council's attention for the January 5, 2010, City Council meeting and that was the continuation of the Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Orach wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hoped it would be a good year.

Mayor Lavagnino also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He reported that on December 3, 2009, he attended a reception at Supervisor Joni Gray's to meet the County's new department heads. On December 4th, he attended former Councilmember Leo Trujillo's funeral. On December 5th, he rode in the Christmas Parade and then became ill for several days.

Councilmember Patino reported that she also participated in the Christmas Parade on December 5th, attended former Councilmember Leo Trujillo's funeral on December 4th, attended the ROP Business Advisory Committee meeting at Santa Maria High School on December 8th, the grand opening of the multimedia learning center at Santa Maria High School on December 10th, and the Awesome Kids Awards in Solvang on December 11th.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the reception for the two new County Department Heads at Supervisor Joni Gray's on December 3rd, former Councilmember Trujillo's funeral on December 4th, the Christmas Parade on December 5th, a luncheon at the Elks Club on December 9th for some community youth, the Boys and Girls club Annual Dinner at the Country Club and the grand opening for the multi-media learning center on December 10th, the Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities quarterly meeting in Santa Barbara on December 11th, a meeting of the Bring Our Community Home Committee and a meeting at Supervisor Centeno's office concerning the gang issues in the community on December 14th.

Councilmember Zacarias reported she attended the Community Action Commission meeting, was on KUHL Radio, attended former Councilmember Trujillo's funeral, the Christmas Parade, the community meeting to address the gang issues, and the Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities quarterly meeting. Since Sunday she has been in San Antonio, Texas, evaluating a parent participation program to train and support parents in developing the skills they need to support their children's success.

Councilmember Orach stated for the past 15 years, the Christmas Parade of Lights has been sponsored by the three Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria and the Nipomo Rotary Club.

CLOSED SESSION
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - regarding Existing Litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 for Santa Maria Police Officers Association v. City of Santa Maria, Case No. 1318327, Gregory Carroll v. City of Santa Maria et. al, Case No. CV 0907336, Jose Bettancourt v. City of Santa Maria, et. al, Case No. 1273966, and Public Employee Performance Evaluations pursuant to Subsection (e) of Government Code 54957 and Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Representative: Mayor; Title: City Manager and City Attorney.

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Santa Maria Police Officers Association v. City of Santa Maria – Direction to staff was given.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Gregory Carroll v. City of Santa Maria, et. al. – A status report was given.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Jose Bettancourt v. City of Santa Maria, et. al. – Direction to staff was given.

Public Employee Performance Evaluations and Conference with Labor Negotiator, City Manager and City Attorney – Annual appraisals were provided.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Lavagnino at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED

January 5, 2010
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria